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## DEFENDERS FALLING BACK

### New Line Only Five To Six Miles From Shanghai WOOSUNG FORTS INTACT

Shanghai, May 15.

The Communist armies advanced today to within sight of many of Shanghai's famous landmarks in the wake of what appeared to be a general Nationalist withdrawal from the outer perimeter to the last defence line before the limits of the city proper.

#### Red Forces In S. China

San Francisco, May 15.—The Communists have over 100,000 guerrillas and 40,000 regulars in South China, the Communist Peiping Radio said last night.  
It said that these forces stood ready to take co-ordinated action with Red spearheads now pushing Southwards.  
The Radio also claimed that South China Communists controlled strategic territory along the borders of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hunan, Kiangsi, Fukien and in Central Kwangtung and Hainan Island.  
Territory controlled covered 100 counties, the Radio added.—Reuter.

#### RAF Planes To Aid In Evacuation

Shanghai, May 15.—It was authoritatively learned today that land planes of Hong Kong Airways, flying-boats of the British Overseas Airways Corporation and Dakotas of the Royal Air Force at Hong Kong would begin the airlifting of registered British evacuees—mostly women, children and non-essential males—to Hong Kong tomorrow.  
Thirty-six hours after the British Consul-General, Mr. R. W. Urquhart, had offered a last opportunity to leave the threatened metropolis only some five per cent of the 3,000 Britons here had signed up for evacuation.  
All foreign consulates, including the British one, remained open today, Sunday, to deal with the registration of evacuees but there was no rush.  
Official word was received that 10 per cent of the 300 Austrians who are being granted temporary refuge in Canada will be of Christian faith, the remainder being Jews.  
Earlier it was stated that only Austrian Jews were to benefit from the movement. Now, the provision is that 30 Christian Austrians and approximately 270 Austrian Jews will comprise the group. Of this number 50 of the refugees are craftsmen.  
The whole movement to Canada will be by plane. It is understood that the first take-off will be this week, the aircraft departing from Lungqua Airport in the Southern suburb of Shanghai.  
The 300 refugees will be given residence in Canada until such time as they procure immigration visas to the United States.  
The 400 Portuguese refugees expected to travel South by a Dutch ship some time this week but in view of the rapid developments it is touch and go whether the vessel will be able to enter the harbour.—Reuter.

#### The Weather

At 0000 GMT (8 p.m. HKOT) the anti-cyclone center over the Eastern Sea is moving slowly E. The trough extends from a depression over Hokkaido S and W through the Luzon Strait to N. Hainan.  
Today's Forecast—Fresh E to S winds, moderating. Weather dull and cool with periods of rain.  
Yesterday's Weather:  
Maximum 72.5 deg. F.  
Minimum 72.5 deg. F.  
Rainfall Nil.  
Forecast:  
Total rain Jan. 1—4.2 in.  
Total rain Feb. 1—1.1 in.  
Total rain Mar. 1—1.1 in.  
Total rain Apr. 1—1.1 in.  
Total rain May 1—1.1 in.  
Total rain Jun. 1—1.1 in.  
Total rain Jul. 1—1.1 in.  
Total rain Aug. 1—1.1 in.  
Total rain Sep. 1—1.1 in.  
Total rain Oct. 1—1.1 in.  
Total rain Nov. 1—1.1 in.  
Total rain Dec. 1—1.1 in.

Government troops, however, were late today still firmly holding the vital Woosung area North of Shanghai with naval and air support, thus keeping open the last route of escape through the Whangpoo River and out to sea.  
With the abandonment of the strategic Nanking-Shanghai railway cities of Hwangtu and Nanxiang, the Nationalist forces were reported today to be digging in along a new line, averaging no more than five or six miles, from the Western and Southern borders of the threatened metropolis and passing through Chenju, where a large wireless station used to be located, and Hungjiao Airfield, which was formerly the base of General Claire Chennault's airline, the Civil Air Transport.  
In announcing the Nationalist withdrawal from Hwangtu and Nanxiang, the Garrison communique said: "As the defensive battle for Shanghai entered its third day, our forces have voluntarily abandoned Hwangtu and Nanxiang according to plan.

#### Reds Held At Bay

Nationalist naval units, some 300 bombers and fighters, are helping several thousands of the Government's best fighting forces—trained and equipped in Taiwan—to hold the furiously attacking Communists at bay in the Woosung area at the mouth of Shanghai harbour, according to Chinese reports.  
The official communique claimed that 5,000 Communists belonging to five divisions were killed in the first phase of the battle for Woosung yesterday when the Reds employed "human sea" tactics in a desperate attempt to overwhelm the Nationalist defenders and seal the last escape route of the city's Garrison.

#### Planes In Action

The Nationalist Air Force headquarters announced that more than 200 planes were thrown into the battle for Shanghai in the past 24 hours and that on the Tachang, Kwangtung and Woosung front, North West of Shanghai, more than 10,000 Communist were killed in bombing and strafing raids.  
In addition, it added, 80 Communist lorries, eight gun emplacements and 100 wooden barges were destroyed.  
Mustang fighter planes simultaneously staged long distance raids over a wide area in the outer perimeter of Shanghai, the announcement said.  
Sirens here today added to the din of the approaching war. These sirens caused doors and windows to rattle when the authorities tested the air raid alarm system installed by the Japanese during their occupation of the city.  
Whangpoo River—normally crowded with shipping—presented a deserted appearance with only a handful of Chinese vessels busily loading here and there. Even the usual huge motley collection of junks and sampans was conspicuous by its absence.  
Refugees from all points of the compass streamed into the heart of the city today in flight from the advancing Red armies.  
The majority came from areas on the city's limits, travelling mostly in rickshaws and pedicabs with their belongings and other belongings.  
Some families pooled resources and vacated their suburban homes in trucks, but many hundreds of the poor had to walk in many cases with babies in their arms and a few belongings strapped to their backs.

#### Food Supply

Police Commissioner Mao Sen last night urged Shanghai's 6,000,000 residents to carry on their normal activities with usual calm, declaring that the authorities had worked out an over-all safety plan for the defence of the municipality and were confident of final victory.  
He warned, however, that there must be inevitable periods of suffering and hardship especially during the transitional period.  
With the food supply source still open, the Commissioner asked people to store up as much food and daily use items as possible in order to cope with an emergency.  
Police Commissioner Mao also announced that from now on military vehicles in Shanghai streets will have right of way over all other vehicles. All passenger cars, buses and other types of vehicles must give right of way to military trucks which, in turn, must give right of way to military jeeps.  
The officer further notified all police personnel that during the curfew period no military vehicles are subject to police inspection. These vehicles may also travel without any curfew pass, it was learned.  
Three hundred miles West of Shanghai only sporadic fighting was today reported around the outer perimeter of Hankow, Central China's most important city on which Communist General Lin Biao's Manchurian legions are advancing.  
Preparations for street fighting are said to be going on at full speed, with sandbag barricades and pillboxes springing up rapidly at all strategic road intersections.

#### Along Kan River

The local authorities, according to a Press report, have ordered the demolition of a huge railway repair shop which used to employ several thousand workers.  
From the Kiangsi front the official Central News Agency said that Nationalist forces were digging in on both banks of the Kan River—which virtually divides Kiangsi into two equal parts East and West—in an endeavour to check the Communist drive towards neighbouring Hunan Province and the Canton-Hankow Railway.  
Military observers believe that if the armies of Communist General Chen Kung-fai to track this new Nationalist defence line they will probably push Southward and threaten Kwangtung.  
Meanwhile, the whole of North Fukien Province was in a state of confusion following the widespread disruption of telephone and telegraph services, according to a Central News Agency report from Foochow.  
The telegraph office in Foochow, the provincial capital, was only accepting messages for Kuliin, 50 miles North West.  
Tension was reported to be rising in Foochow amid a flood of wild rumours which caused the blackmarket rate of the silver dollar to sky-rocket to 6,000,000 each (compared to only 600,000,000 in Shanghai).  
Reuter.

#### "Sunday Times" On Defences Of Singapore

London, May 15.—An article in today's "Sunday Times" claimed that the strengthening of the defences of Singapore should have the highest priority.  
The article, written by a "Sunday Times" correspondent, J. H. Horrocks, who has just returned from Singapore, said:  
"There is evidence that gangs of Chinese and Malays are transferring their hideouts from the mainland to Singapore Island.  
"It is believed that they plan to 'underground' for a few months.  
"The Governor of Singapore, Sir Franklin Gimson, told me recently that, apart from a very strong police force, comprising almost entirely of young Malays, the Colony was not fully alive to the seriousness of the situation, and was far from prepared for an emergency.  
"There is not a single aircraft-carrier in Singapore waters. Nor did I see any ships in battle order at the naval base, the reason given to me being that the naval strength of Singapore is now only administrative.  
"To strengthen the defences of this strategically vital area should have the highest priority in our security plans."—Reuter.

#### PLANNING FOR PACIFIC DEFENCE

Canberra, May 15.—The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, stated in a broadcast today that planning for defence of the Pacific was proceeding parallel with the planning for the North Atlantic area.  
Mr. Chifley, speaking in his weekly "Report To The Nation," added: "The approach to a common scheme for defence of the Pacific should be by agreement between Britain, Australia and New Zealand; therefore with the United States, and later with other nations with positions in the Pacific area."—Reuter.

## Britain Ready To Deal With Reds

London, May 15.—The British Government is preparing for a de facto recognition of the Chinese Communist regime if and when it is proclaimed as the Government of all China; responsible sources report.  
The informants said the Government expects the new regime to be proclaimed within the next three months. Communist forces are expected to complete occupation of South China within that time.  
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his Kuomintang followers are expected to return to Taiwan, which would permit the Communists to proclaim their Government of China, the informants said.  
Many of them said that although Taiwan was handed back to China by an agreement at the Cairo conference in 1943, the island can not be recognized legally as Chinese territory until the Japanese peace treaty is completed.  
The British Government's attitude, it was said, was to be influenced by Chinese reports that Mao Tse-tung intends to halt his drive at the Chinese borders and does not intend to undertake the "liberation" of Indo-China, Burma and Malaya.  
United Press.

## Princess Margaret At Isle Of Capri



Princess Margaret (left), accompanied by Lady Mary Harvey, wife of Major T. G. Harvey, the Queen's private secretary, is seen driving—AP Photo.

## Red Leaders Gloat Over Successes

(Exclusive To The "China Mail")  
A popular jibe among high-ranking Chinese Communists in Peiping when boasting of their armed strength is "America is our arsenal and Chiang Kai-shek is our transport master."  
Three quarters of their arms and ammunition and military equipment are American-made, and were supplied to the Nationalists by the USA and in the course of the civil war captured by the Reds.

This was disclosed yesterday by the man who had lived and worked with top Chinese Red officers at the Grande Hotel de Pekin in China's ancient capital.

While openly showing their love for "things American," the Communists clamour for withdrawal of American troops from China, said Mr. William Zou, former billeting manager of the largest and most up-to-date hotel in China.

Communist leaders including Gen. Lin Biao, Gen. Nieh Jung-cheng, Gen. Chou En-lai, Marshal Hsiao Shun and Mayor Yieh Chien-ying, held conferences and sumptuous banquets regularly at the hotel, revealed the 24-year-old Cantonese who arrived here by the S. Hupeh recently.

Armed Guards  
About 300 officers are billeted in the hotel. Armed Guards are posted all over the premises day and night.

Every now and then some Russians, Japanese and Koreans, dressed in Chinese Communist uniforms, would be registered in the hotel for brief stays.  
These foreigners were said to be gunners and technicians in the Communist field forces.  
To feed the Communist guests, four kitchens prepared four grades of meals. High level Reds could enjoy banquet-like meals prepared by a special kitchen whereas staff and field officers ate four dishes and one soup each meal prepared by a small kitchen. Lower-grade political elements and common soldiers had to depend on a public kitchen for their meals, consisting usually of only one dish.  
All Red officers quartered in the hotel brought with them their own orderlies to run errands and to clean up the rooms.

#### Paid In Millet

During his employment by the Reds, Mr. Zou said, his salary was 300 catties of millet a month. Compared with what he used to get before liberation, this was only a little better than nothing.  
One French chief accountant, who had been working with the hotel for over 30 years, was paid 250 catties of millet a month but the chief cook got 370 catties.

What was formerly the meeting place of all tourists visiting Peiping, the Grande Hotel de Pekin was in a pitiful state. All the furniture and jewelry in the hotel were ordered to be closed. The only shop that remained open inside the premises, after considerable amount of negotiations with the Communists, was the French Book Store. Its sole customers were Communist intellectuals.

Apartment from the Grande Hotel de Pekin, four other Peiping hotels were requisitioned by the Reds to house their comrades, including the Hotel du Nord, formerly owned by an Austrian.

Since the liberation, Peiping has been undergone radical changes. Tailors and shoe-makers have boarded up their doors and the restaurants had lost much of their patronage by banquet-givers.

Red Soldiers  
The streets were filled with armed Red soldiers and labourers who due to their ignorance, have caused frequent embarrassment to the police.  
Although Peiping had no night curfew, the city's streets were deserted at nightfall. Food vendors and hawkers who used to cry out their trade in muddy hutings have ceased their nocturnal rounds.—(Continued On Page 2)

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## CANTON IS IN STATE OF WAR; MANY LEAVING

Canton, May 15.

General Yeh Shao, Canton Garrison Commander, in a proclamation declared Canton in a state of war beginning today and advised all citizens who could do so to leave the city and return to their native villages.

Many Cantonese, for the first time affected by the restrictions of war, began preparations to evacuate the city. While no immediate threat from Communist armies was known to exist, many manifestations of uneasiness could be seen in government and civil population alike.

Meanwhile the Legislative Yuan, in a closed meeting yesterday, decided to adjourn almost two weeks before the date set for its original closing date. Up for a vote on Tuesday will be a measure conferring full law-making powers on the Executive Yuan, the National Government's highest and non-elective deliberative body.

General Liu Chien-chun, Vice President of the Legislature, who will preside at the meeting, advised all members to return to their homes as soon as possible. He said money and facilities would be made available.

Universities and middle schools, too, are making plans to close their sessions early and some have already closed for the summer vacations without knowing when they can reopen.

Many people are already leaving the refuge capital either for their native places or for Hong Kong. When passengers on the river vessel Fatshan, which pier between Canton and Hong Kong, embarked today, military trucks carrying the effects of service families had to be seen unloading at the wharf.

The government is still apparently casting around for a defence plan which would stop the Communists in their drive South. The Governors and service chiefs of the Southern provinces have received an urgent summons from Acting President Li Tsung-shan to meet this week to thrash out problems of joint defence.

The officials summoned are from Hunan, Szechuan, Kwangsi and Kwangtung. The Kwangsi Governor, Huang Hsu-chu, has already arrived.

Meanwhile, the Kwangtung Provincial Government has tentatively decided to evacuate Southwards to Hoppo which is situated in the Gulf of Tonkin opposite Hainan Island. It was learned today Hoppo is also close to the Kwangsi border.

It is considered to be a good location in the fight against the Communists and local observers are of the opinion that should it prove impossible to hold Hoppo then the Provincial Government can easily be moved to Kwangsi Province.

It is reported here that the Kwangtung Provincial Government has decided to reduce its staff by 80 per cent.

Govt Troops Quit Hankow  
A telephone report from Hankow said Government troops evacuated the city late this afternoon and are falling back on new defences at Yochow, in North Hunan.

Telephone communications between Hankow and Canton were cut at 5 p.m. today.—Associated Press.

Two Airlines Suspend S'hai Service  
Shanghai, May 15.—Two American airlines here announced today suspension of service to Shanghai because of outbreak of the hoiming beco seven miles South. South airport had ceased functioning thereby reducing the safety factor below the minimum requirement.

Pan-American Airways and Northwest Airlines announced they would dispatch their aircraft from Shanghai tomorrow (Monday) if overnight developments permit. Each airline had scheduled two flights—Pan American to Hong Kong and Tokyo and Northwest to Tokyo and Manila.—United Press.

DUBLINERS BURN BRITISH FLAG  
Dublin, May 15.—Following Friday night's partition protest meeting in Dublin, a small party of men today burned a Union Jack outside the gates of Trinity College.

They then marched to the office of the British representative, Sir Gilbert Lathwaite, with a secretary demanding his withdrawal from the country.—Associated Press.

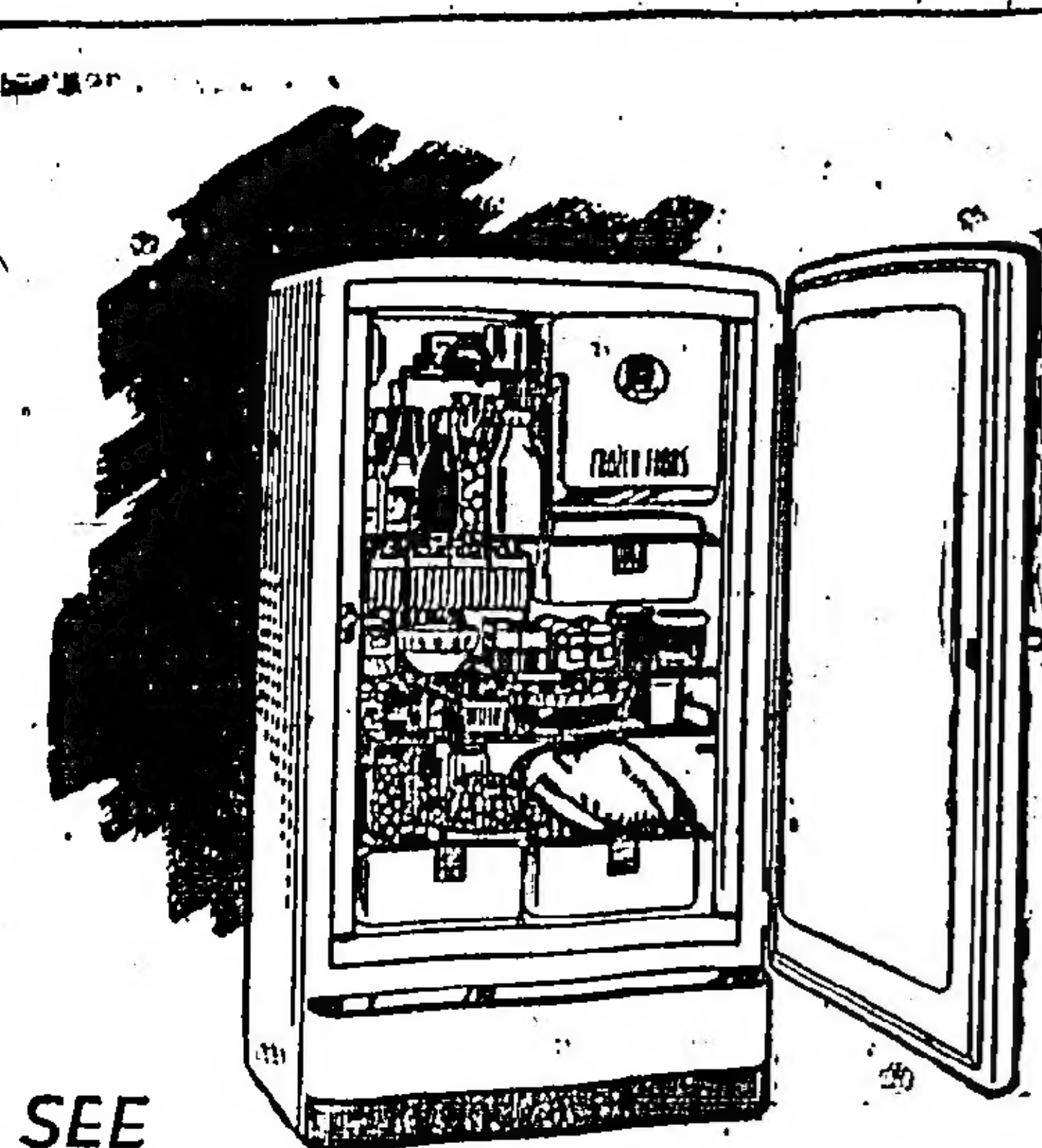
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## Correspondence

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### Not Doctors

Sir, I would like to call your attention to an item of news in your paper issued on May 12, 1948. The headline of it was "Two Doctors Fined" and it was followed by a description of how Man Yan-kong, aged 22, and Tsang Wai-man, aged 32, were charged and fined. Both persons mentioned above are not in the medical register of Hong Kong. Therefore, according to the ordinance recently issued by the Hong Kong Government, they are not doctors and not allowed to call themselves so.

It would be kind of you to make an amendment of this piece of news in your paper at your earliest convenience as it reflects poorly on the medical practitioners of this Colony.

DR. T. J. HUA, O.B.E.,  
President of Chinese Medical Association,  
Hong Kong.

### Big Men

Sir, In order to settle an argument and to improve my knowledge, I wonder if any of your readers could tell me what is the average height and weight of an American serviceman.

Also what height are members Britain's Foot Guards and Household Cavalry?

What about a Guards battalion out here? As troops go, I don't think there are any better in the whole world.

CURIOUS.

## Soviet Accusations Answered With Facts

Geneva, May 14.

Four Western European countries today countered with facts and figures the Russian accusations that the United States licensing policy is dictating and limiting their trade across the Iron Curtain.

Dr. C. Patin, Director of the Dutch Foreign Trade Bureau, told the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe here:

"Our 1948 exports to Eastern Europe were 202 per cent of their 1938 volume."

The Swiss delegate, M. Hermann Hauswirth, gave the following figures for his country's exports to Eastern Europe: 1938—164 million Swiss francs; 1948—368 million Swiss francs.

Dr. Zdenek Augenthaler, the Czechoslovak delegate, replied to the British Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, who said yesterday that Britain only restricts the export of potential war material to Eastern Germany.

Dr. Augenthaler said: "Czechoslovakia does not hesitate to sell to Western countries steel or anything else that may figure on the British and United States restricted list."

"I can assure my British colleagues that the Czechoslovak war fleet will never appear before London."

He said the United States export licensing policy is "spreading like an infectious disease."

"You cannot tell what may not be regarded as war material," he added.—Reuter.

He told a group at Stanford University that:

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2. When it does melt, its water would be returned to the sea and thus raise the sea level, so that not only the vast coastal areas of the Antarctic but such cities as San Francisco, New York and Shanghai will be inundated.

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## Newly Weds



## Personalia

Two Siamese Government officials were passengers on the MATCO plane for Macao yesterday morning.

They were Mr. L.S. Tularaksa, the Siamese Police Commissioner, and Mr. N. Phanumas, both on their way from Bangkok to Manila and are visiting Macao. Passengers for Macao on Saturday included Mr. C. F. Tyrrell of the British Consulate in Canton, Mr. R. Gnan, Captain Brongarama, Mr. Eric Halpern and Mr. L. J. Remedios.

Passengers by CNAC's plane for Kunning yesterday: R. West, S. E. Lavron, J. L. Winship, G. H. Greene.

Calcutta passengers included F. Sher, M. N. Khan, and H. Eredenhore.

Six Chinese passengers arrived from the United States by a CNAC plane piloted by Captain J. Byrnes.

Two Trans-Asiatic Airlines planes arrived at Kai Tak yesterday. In the planes were 54 immigrants for Manila from Amoy.

The Hong Kong Airways plane from Canton carried A. J. Hall, Hing, and B. M. Ranganatha, among the passengers for Hong Kong.

Arrivals from Manila yesterday by CPA were: Messrs. E. P. Byrnes, C. S. P. Heywood, E. Renault and P. C. Duhaal.

Pan American Airways plane from Tokyo included the following passengers: E. Raush, L. Williams, A. Berdeman, C. Calfery, A. Brenton, B. MacDonald, C. Aihua, and W. Lobban.

From Shanghai came 46 passengers by a CNAC plane yesterday. They included: R. B. Searland, Mrs. Barrera, R. T. MacDonnell, M. D. Barrera.

Arrivals from Macao yesterday by MATCO plane: L. K. Little, W. C. A. McNeice, Bishop A. V. Halward, A. H. Carroll, Eric Halpern, L. Tularaksa and N. Phanumas.

On the PAA plane for Manila yesterday: W. Goodwin, I. Mora, R. H. Wild, N. Wadhwanal, De Vries.

For Honolulu: Miss Hazel M. Atwood.

San Francisco: Miss Susan E. Armstrong, R. H. Giffin, Harriet Giffin, Martha Giffin, Patricia Giffin, L. T. Merchant and Mahabir.

## Smith Barton Wedding

The marriage took place at Rosary Church yesterday of Miss Mary Ellen Smith and Mr. Alex Charles Barton, Rev. Fr. d'Angelis officiated.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. James Smith, of Aberdeen, Scotland. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Barton.

The best man was Mr. I. Peterson and Mrs. H. Waeny acted as Matron of Honour.

A reception was later held at Lyton House, after which the happy couple left for the Dragon's Inn, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

## Taxis Operate At A Loss In N.T.

Taxi companies in Kowloon are not very happy about the New Territories service which began some two months ago.

The complaint of one of the Kowloon companies, when interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday, was that business is no good in the country.

A fleet of 12 taxis are at present operating in the territories. These are distributed among three depots, one at Taiipo, another at Un Loong and the third at Sha-tau-kei.

These taxis include some utility vans which are able to accommodate six passengers. But most of the vehicles in the fleet are of the ordinary taxi type.

Four taxi companies on the Mainland each have three vehicles in the service.

The price charged is similar to that in town, namely, one dollar for the first mile and 20 cents for each subsequent quarter mile.

"In fact," said a representative of one of the Kowloon companies, "the charge in the New Territories is cheaper than that in town."

"The six-passenger vehicles cut down the fare on passengers by a half, since no higher rate is charged."

The four companies operating taxis in the country are: The Peninsula Taxi Company, The Blue Taxi Company, The New Taxi Company and the Kowloon Taxi Company.

The taxi owners say that the vehicles in the New Territories are used by farmers and village folk.

"And they are not particularly happy about the service either," they told the "China Mail." "They prefer travelling by bus, the reason being that it is much cheaper."

The owners said that the Traffic Department has asked them to increase the service. "But we cannot possibly see how we can do that in view of the fact that we are operating this particular service at a loss," one of them said.

He then brought out the register and showed it.

"As you can see," he said, "it is quite a common thing for our taxis to make only two trips in two or three days."

"And sometimes," he continued, "days pass before we are called by a single fare."

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## To Use Relief Camp As Army Billets

Billets for the arriving reinforcements of the Hong Kong Garrison will shortly be available at the Ma Tau Chung Relief Camp, Kowloon City, as soon as latter is removed to the North Point camp, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

The camp, known as Camp No. 2 to differentiate it from the Ma Tau Chung Housing Estate which is Camp No. 1, and another camp nearby housing Gurkha units is composed of about 20 long wooden huts.

At present there are approximately 400 men, women and children living in them.

The camp is itself subdivided by a barbed-wire fence into two sections, one section is being used by those dependent on relief while those in the other are self-supporting. Those in the latter category mostly Portuguese working on the Hong Kong side and their families up to now have had the housing free of charge from the Government.

However, when notice went around for them to vacate the place within a few weeks many were filled with consternation, particularly those who had spent considerable sums in rehabilitating the shacks which were originally found to be dilapidated, and which were eventually made fit to live in by the occupants themselves.

Some it was learned, turned in cooperation to the Relief Camp authorities to apply for a room over their heads, but were turned down.

An inmate remarked to the "China Mail" that the move was untimely and is bound to work unusual hardships on them when the housing shortage was becoming more acute every day with the influx of large numbers of evacuees from Shanghai and other parts of war-torn China.

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## Oil Talks In Persia

Teheran, May 14.

An official announcement here today on the talks just concluded between the Persian Government and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company said that both sides will communicate their final views within the next fortnight on the proposals discussed.

Sir William Fraser, the Company's Chairman, who took part in the talks, has left for London, the announcement said.

Talks between the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and the Persian Government about the Company's concession have been going on, with interruptions, since August last year.

The Persian Government is anxious to obtain more money from the company for its seven-year national development programme. The Government says that its share of the company's profits is less than half what the British Government gets in profit, taxes and dividends.—Reuter.

## EISENHOWER BACK AT WORK

New York, May 15.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower was back on the job at Columbia University yesterday after a tour of military duty in Washington and convalescence in the South from an illness.

General Eisenhower was called to Washington in February to serve as temporary presiding officer of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in working out a number of knotty problems confronting the armed forces.—Associated Press.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that  
an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office  
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &  
Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong  
Kong, on Friday, the 20th day  
of May, 1949, at Noon for the  
purpose of considering and, if  
thought fit, passing the follow-  
ing Resolution as a Special  
Resolution:—

"That the following shall be  
substituted for Clause 95 in  
the Articles of Association of the  
Company:—

"Each Director of the Com-  
pany shall be paid out of the  
funds of the Company remunera-  
tion for his services at the rate  
of \$2,500.00 per annum and  
such further sums as the Com-  
pany in General Meeting may  
from time to time deter-  
mine."

By Order of the Board  
of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 26, 1949.

THE HONGKONG AND  
WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the ORDINARY YEARLY  
MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held in the  
Board Room of the Company,  
Room No. 308, Queen's Build-  
ing, Hong Kong, on Thursday,  
the 19th May, 1949, at noon for  
the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider  
the Statement of Ac-  
counts and Balance Sheet  
and the Report of the  
Directors and Auditors  
thereon.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors and  
fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other  
ordinary business of the  
Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY  
GIVEN that the TRANSFER  
BOOKS of the COMPANY will  
be closed from the 10th May,  
1949 to the 18th May, 1949,  
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors.

R. G. CRAIG,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, April 29, 1949.

NOTICE  
HONGKONG  
TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

As from 15th May, 1949, the  
building formerly known as  
"Exchange Building" will be  
known as "Telephone House."

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During the absence of Mr. W.  
L. E. Miller, on leave, Mr. P.  
N. Jensen will act as Manager  
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May 13, 1949.

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Ground Floor, Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

Please Don't Jump  
To Conclusions

London, May 15.

The Conservatives gave Labour a beating in Brit-  
tain's latest municipal elections, but that does  
not necessarily mean they will capture the Gov-  
ernment next year.

That is the view of cautious observers on both sides  
of the fence yesterday as they looked over full  
returns from Thursday's voting for Councils in  
420 English and Welsh boroughs. The Councils  
handle local Government functions.

Both parties had campaigned  
with 1950 in mind. The British  
Press Association's final unoffi-  
cial tabulation of the results for  
all boroughs shows:

The Conservatives captured the  
largest number of Council seats  
and were the only faction to  
score a net gain.

They wound up with 1,856 of  
the 4,693 seats at stake to  
Labour's 2,778.

Their net gain of 805 seats—  
532 gained against 27 lost—com-  
pares with net losses of 715 for  
Labour—85 won against 800 lost  
—and of 90 Independents, 21 for  
Liberals, nine for Communists.

The tabulation for London  
showed that Labour got more seats  
but the Tories alone made a net  
gain.

## Still Ahead

Labour's seats were 739 to  
the Conservatives' 616. Com-  
munists' 11, Independents' four.  
Liberals got none.

The Tories' net gains of 262  
seats—272 gained to three lost—  
stood against net losses of 202 for  
Labour—eight gained to 270  
lost—and seven for the Com-  
munists. Independents broke  
even.

Labour gave up six of London's  
28 boroughs to the Tories and  
finished with a reduced lead of  
17 to 11.

Outside London, where coalitions  
were in the field and some  
loyalties were hard to trace, the  
control situation was complicated.

Newspapers estimate that  
Labour lost from 16 to 19 of the  
302 Councils outside London to  
Conservatives or others. These  
included Leicester, Newcastle  
and Southampton. Associated  
Press.

UNDERGRADS  
IN FRACAS

Rome May 14.

Thirteen undergraduates  
were injured—three seriously—  
when fighting broke out to-  
day inside Rome University  
after political disputes over the  
election of a representative  
Council for the Faculty of Law.  
During the battle, men of the  
extreme left and right wing  
parties threw pieces of chairs,  
desk seats and ink-pots at one  
another.

The police forced an entry  
and, after making about 15 ar-  
rests, posted guards outside the  
University. According to later  
reports, the reason for the fight  
was that the undergraduates of  
the Neo-Fascist Italian Social  
Movement resented the fact that  
earlier student elections, in which  
they had gained a majority, had  
been declared void.—Reuter.

ISRAEL MEMBER  
OF ILO

Flushing Meadow, May 14.  
Israel, newly admitted to the  
United Nations, has become the  
81st member of the International  
Labour Office.

The Israeli Foreign Minister,  
Moshe Sharett, said today that  
Israel's delegates will attend the  
I.L.O.'s Geneva conference on June  
8.—Reuter.

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Clandestine  
Presses  
Discovered

Athens, May 14.

A secret Communist printing  
press, in a cellar reached by a  
rope ladder down a 10-foot  
shaft, was today discovered by  
the police at the Piraeus, the  
port of Athens, the Athens news  
agency reported tonight. Among  
the first to visit the cellar was  
Sir Charles Wickham, Chief of  
the British Police Mission to  
Greece.

The cellar was situated in the  
ancient quarter of Kerkira, below  
the house of a Communist printer.  
In it were hand presses, said to be  
of German make. Heaped around  
the presses were piles of subver-  
sive papers and pamphlets, some  
of them including articles signed  
by M. Nicholas Zachariades, the  
head of the Greek Communist  
Party, and by other Communist  
leaders, the agency report said.  
"Kizospas," the official news-  
paper of the Greek Communist  
Party, which appears clandestinely,  
was printed on these presses,  
the report added.—Reuter.

"BANDIT KING"  
HOLDING OUT

Palermo, May 14.  
Salvatore Giuliano, aged 28,  
"King of the Bandits," with a  
handful of armed desperadoes, is  
still holding out against an en-  
circling force of battle-equipped  
soldiers and police. The force,  
which had closed on Giuliano's  
mountain hide-out several days  
ago, has been estimated at sever-  
al thousand strong, including  
locally recruited militia.  
The force has been unable to  
root out the bandits from their  
lair. Giuliano is regarded by  
many local people as the Sicilian  
"Robin Hood."—Reuter.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

## Sixth Race Meeting,

SATURDAY, 21st MAY, 1949.

There are ten races. The First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.  
and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Numbers (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the  
Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also  
tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the "Lantao Handi-  
cap" to be run at this Meeting. Tickets for the "Lantao Handi-  
cap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No.  
332 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

## MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their  
ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED  
throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO  
THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure  
and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through  
the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a  
Member, such Member, to be responsible for all club etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on  
sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and  
the Secretary's office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor,  
Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club  
House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 3  
Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S  
PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.  
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3  
including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable  
at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tin Tio men, etc. will not be permitted to  
operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club  
during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the  
Public Enclosure.

## SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders  
ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimina-  
tion and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of  
such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure  
except for passing through on their duties and must remain  
in their employers' wards.

BY ORDER.

D. L. PROPHET,  
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series of bids may disclose the  
length of suits, and an ensuing  
slam convention call of one type  
or another then completes the  
tale of honour strength held.  
That is especially so when cue-  
bidding of aces or blinks, or else  
Blackwood convention answers,  
tell everybody certain specific  
facts. The fire player who listens  
eagerly may, through examining  
the volunteered evidence, figure  
out infallibly what should be a  
safe opening lead in such a situa-  
tion.

S A 7 3  
H A 9 8 6 4  
D 10 4 3  
C 8 3  
S Q 6 5  
H Q 10 5  
D K 7 5  
C J 9 2

S J 10 9  
H 8  
D J 7 3 2  
C 7 5 4

S K 4  
H A Q 8 6 2  
D A K J 10 6

(Dealer: North. Both side  
vulnerable).

North East South West  
Pass Pass 1 D Pass  
1 H Pass 2 C Pass  
2 H Pass 3 C Pass  
3 NT Pass 4 NT Pass  
5 H Pass 6 NT Pass

Having bent a keen ear to the  
duty at hand, East had North's  
holding sized up in a most accu-  
rate way, to say nothing of  
South's. For one thing, he knew  
North had rebiddable hearts,  
doubled a five-card suit, from  
the fact that they were called  
twice. In addition he knew North  
had two aces, from his response

of 5-Hearts to South's 4-No  
Trumps, which was meant as an  
ace-measuring Blackwood.  
Fuzzled momentarily either by  
length, but knowing either of  
South's minor suits might be dis-  
astrous, it dawned on him all of  
a sudden that his own partner  
must have the heart Q. If North,  
with a five-card major and two  
aces, also had the Q of his suit,  
he should have opened the bid-  
ding. And if South held the Q,  
he might have supported the  
hearts instead of putting the slam  
into No Trumps.

So East led a heart without a  
qualm, his 2. His preference for  
that suit was also caused partly  
by the inference that the unbid  
spades must surely be at least  
doubly stopped, as they were,  
else the contract would not have  
been in No Trumps. With the  
heart lead, North was doomed  
as soon as he tried the diamond  
finesse and lost it to West, hear-  
ing him. Against a spade,  
slam was easy.

## Tomorrow's Problem

S A K 3  
H Q 4  
D K Q 9 8 6  
C J 5 3

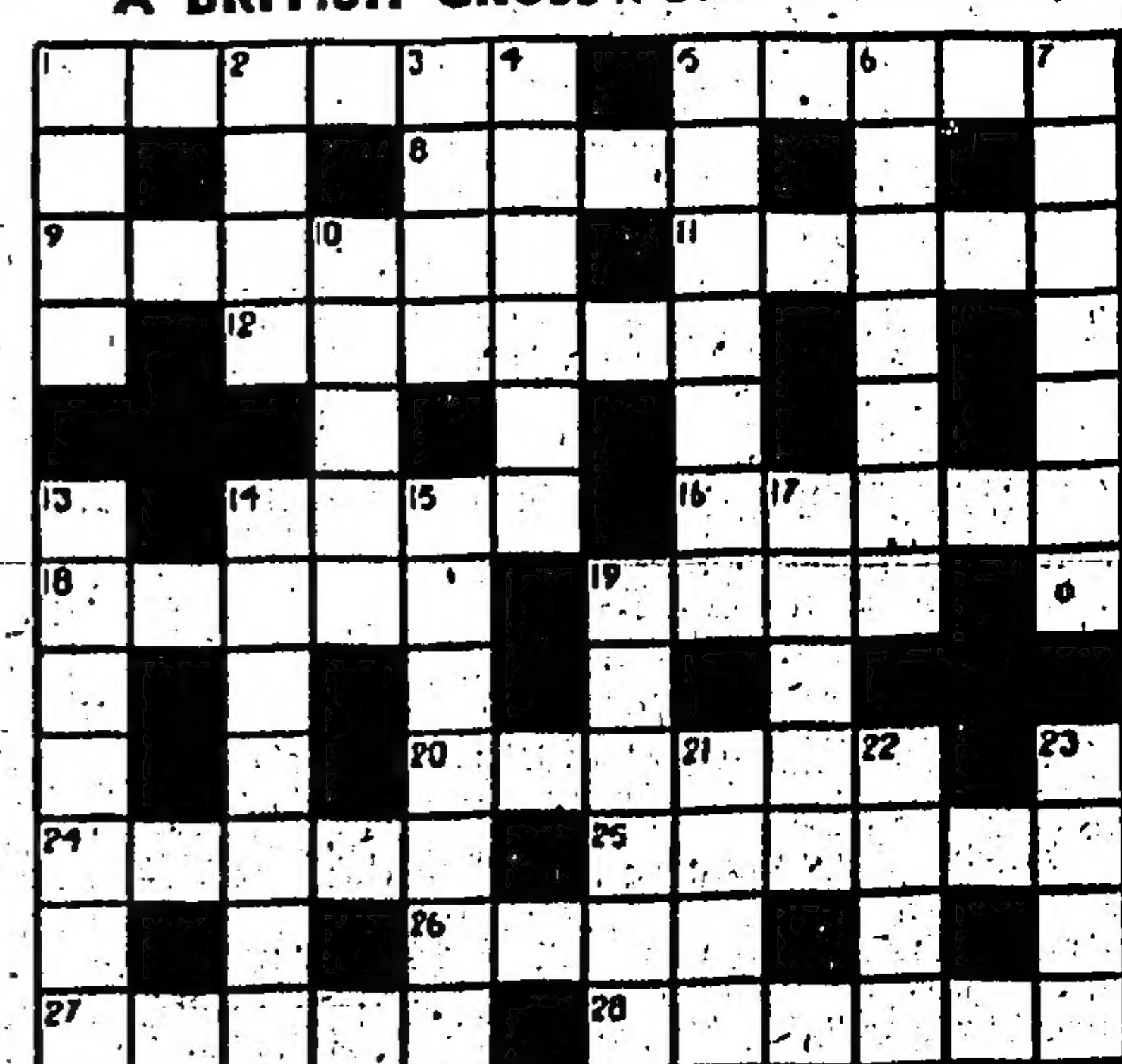
S Q J 10  
H 6 5 4 2  
D H 9 3 2  
C 8

S 8 7  
H A K 8 7 5  
D A  
C A Q 7 6 4

(Dealer: East. North-South  
vulnerable).

If West injects an interfering  
spade call during the auction,  
then leads the Q, how should  
South seek maximum results in  
his 6-No Trumps?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Across

- 1 Smooth.
- 2 Place of pil-  
grimage.
- 3 In addition.
- 4 Fall.
- 5 Pluck.
- 6 Summary.
- 7 Deeds.
- 8 The best.
- 9 Command.
- 10 Grain husks.
- 11 Cement rot-  
tally.
- 12 Deserve.
- 13 Vexment.
- 14 Pledge.
- 15 Substantial.
- 16 Fault.

## Down

- 1 Locally.
- 2 Frolic.
- 3 Wan.
- 4 Chooses.
- 5 Oze.
- 6 Revisited.
- 7 Couple.
- 8 Books.
- 9 Naval rank.
- 10 Had con-  
fidence in.
- 11 Subsequently.
- 12 Ran away.
- 13 Terrible.
- 14 Uncommon.
- 15 Inclination.

## Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Mavis, 4 Avenue,  
Gallop, 10 Irate, 12 Arenas, 14  
Hone, 16 Reeper, 18 Bear, 20  
Charter, 21 Gave, 22 Sisters, 27  
Invalid, 28 Neep, 29 Strain, 30  
Exult, 31 Sheer, 32 Mean.



# HUNGARY HOLDING GENERAL ELECTION

## 'ON GUARD' ADVICE TO SOCIALISM

Baarn, May 14. Jonkheer M. van der Goez van Neters, acting leader of the Dutch Socialist Party, told the International Socialist conference here today that there will be no war as long as international socialism is courageous and on guard.

Opening the conference, Jonkheer van der Goez, said that the Atlantic Pact, "with its sensational results," gave the means to realise peace.

He pointed out that at past conferences, mainly national problems had been discussed, while this year, international matters are being considered, such as international control of Europe and joint responsibility industry, organisation of a united of the free countries.

This year's conference is expected to exclude finally Signor Pietro Nenni's Italian Socialist Party, which last year's conference suspended because of its co-operation with the Communists.

Signor Giuseppe Saragat's anti-Communist group, which split from the majority Socialist party, remains with the conference.

The question of emigre governments is expected to lead to long discussions and a lively debate is probable on the question of a European parliament, as British and French delegations differ on certain points.—Reuter.

## "Stop Reparations" Demand By Japan

Tokyo, May 14. The Japanese Government intends to ask the Far Eastern Commission for overall stoppage of reparations payments in order to put Japan on her economic feet again.

The statement was made by the Director of the Reparations Board, Kikuchi Yamaoka, before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee.

The latest United States decision to halt reparations payments affects only the interim programme under which Japan is required to pay about 50 per cent of the total reparations claims, he said.

It is believed that the Far Eastern Commission will have power

Budapest, May 14. Hungary's third post-war general election will be held tomorrow. It will largely be in the nature of a plebiscite on the country's recovery drive.

Election speeches and appeals have particularly stressed the successful figures for the three-year plan, which is expected to be completed in two years and five months by the end of 1949. They have also emphasised the rapid drop in unemployment and the rise in the standard of living.

The five parties of the People's Front will contest the election on a single ballot. Opposition may be registered by abstention, invalidation of the vote or marking the "no" space on the ballot form. Budapest observers do not expect many abstentions, particularly in view of the recent appeal to Catholics by the "Bishop of Bishops" to exercise their civic duty on polling day.

The Popular Front is now composed of the three parties of the Government Coalition, two smaller former Opposition parties and a mass organisations, including trade unions.

In the Government Coalition are the Hungarian Workers Party, a fusion of the former Communist and Social Democratic Parties; the Smallholders, whose leader is the Prime Minister, M. Istvan Dobi; and the National Peasant Party.

The two former Opposition parties now in the Front are the Independent Democratic Party, led by Father Balogh, a Catholic priest, and the small Radical Party.

The election must be viewed in the light of the fact that Hungary today claims to have improved the living standard of its working population considerably faster than some other countries. Food is much more plentiful and cheaper than even a year ago. Shops are filled with textiles and consumer goods, at prices which

the ordinary workers can increasingly afford.

A recent Popular Front appeal said that the election was called "to give our people the opportunity to express their approval of the thorough changes which have occurred in two years in the economic and social life of the country."

It referred to "the crushing of large land holdings and big capitalist reaction and the agents of foreign imperialism from our political life; our peace policy to defend our country's independence; the constructive work and freedom of our people; and the five-year plan, which is to guarantee the further elevation of our country."

M. Matyas Rakosi, Hungarian Workers' Party leader, winding up the election campaign in a radio speech tonight, promised that the government's five-year plan will do more for the people than had been done in half a century before the war.

Its success, however, depends on the preservation of peace, he added. The International "Peace Front" had been immensely strengthened by the victories of the Chinese Communist Party, he said, and the solution of the Berlin question is a victory for the Soviet peace policy.

Of tomorrow's elections, M. Rakosi said that Counts, Barons and other aristocrats no longer head the election lists, as in the recent past. The social status of the candidates reflects the changes which have taken place in the country.

Of the 839 candidates running in the election, 340 are working peasants, 310 industrial workers, 197 intellectuals and the rest, craftsmen, employees and small shopkeepers. Among the candidates are 150 working women.

M. Rakosi said the stand taken by the leaders of the Catholic Church in Hungary on the elections had been very important, but the support of local priests had meant even more. These priests, he said, had become convinced from their own experience that the People's Front is serving the right cause. He hopes the Church leaders will take further steps and make a final agreement between the Church and State possible.

One of the trump cards in the hand of reaction, he said, had been the possibility of a drought but with ample rain "even nature seems to have supported the People's Democracy"—Reuter.

## Japs To Be Year Younger

Tokyo, May 14. January 1, 1950, will find all of 80,000,000 Japanese one year younger under a bill enacted by the Diet today. From time immemorial Japanese have been "one year old" on birth. Thus one born on December 31 became "two years old" the next day.

The new logical way of counting age which was first introduced in the Upper House was passed by the House of Representatives and became law today effective with the turn of the year.—United Press.

## Alleged Assassin Arrested

Cairo, May 14.

With a gun blazing in each hand, young, handsome Mohamed Youssef Malik, alleged to have been the organiser of the assassination of the Egyptian Premier, Nokrashy Pasha, last December, was arrested at dawn today by a strong force of police on El Fawal island, off Alexandria.

Malik is believed to be the chief of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood.

There was a half-hour gun battle on the fifth floor of a house when a combat police force from Cairo and Alexandria encircled the building in which they believed Malik to be hiding. None of the police was injured.

The arrest of Malik ends a month-long, nationwide search. Placards offering a Government reward of 1,000 Egyptian pounds for the arrest of Malik were displayed all over Egypt. The Prime Minister took the lead in the last phase of the search for Egypt's most wanted man.

He sat late into the night planning the arrest with the Secretary of the Interior and the chiefs of the Cairo and Alexandria police.—Reuter.

## PIN REMOVED FROM LUNGS

Brisbane, May 14.

Doctors here have removed a pin from the lung of a girl aged 13 with a specially designed electromagnetic bronchoscope. The girl, Mary Linette Meyer, is reported out of danger and sleeping well. The surgeon who removed the pin was guided by an assistant with a double-ray apparatus (a bronchoscope, built on the principle of the telescope, is passed down through the large and wind-pipe, enabling the observer to see the interior of the larger bronchial tubes).—Reuter.

## MISSION TO JAPAN A SUCCESS, EXPERT SAYS

San Francisco, May 15.

Joseph M. Dodge, United States Minister and Financial Advisor to General Douglas MacArthur in Japan, believes his mission to stabilise the Japanese economy was a success. Mr. Dodge arrived on board the American President Lines' luxury liner President Wilson.

Mr. Dodge boarded the ship at Yokohama with his assistant, Dr. Ralph W. Reid. He is returning to report to the State Department and does not think he will be required to return to Japan.

Mr. Dodge praised the co-operation his mission had received from General MacArthur and his staff and from the Prime Minister, Mr. Yoshida, and the Finance Minister, Mr. Ikeda.

He said the mission's efforts, based on the stabilisation directive of December 10, 1948, produced certain significant results as follows:

"1—A balanced consolidated budget which brought to a halt the long procession of progressive and large Government deficits, and removed a most vicious type of double taxation.

"2—The elimination of export subsidies, the reduction of import subsidies, and the transfer to the budget and disclosure of these latter subsidies, heretofore obscured in foreign trade account transactions.

"3—The creation of a counterpart fund, representing and clearly showing in the budget the amount of U.S. aid and allocating it to capital rather than operating expenses of the Japanese Government.

"4—The establishment of a single rate of exchange, to stimulate and rationalise foreign trade transactions.

"5—The tightening of the process of raw materials allocating for the purpose of maximizing export and products.

"These and other related projects are directed at creating conditions under which the relatively low total of the Japanese national

## Uproar At Socialist Congress

Rome, May 14.

Stormy interruptions from pro-Communist supporters of Signor Pietro Nenni, the Socialist leader, caused the suspension of this morning's session of the Italian Socialist Party's National Congress.

Their uproar silenced Signor Enzo Chiesa, trade union leader and one of the party's right wing chiefs. Signor Chiesa criticised the way in which the trade union policy is directed by the Communist and pro-Communist Socialist leaders.

Signor Chiesa accused them of provoking labour unrest for "purely secondary reasons." Unable to make himself heard above the noise made by the Nenni supporters, Signor Chiesa shouted: "All right, if you won't let us speak we will get out."

The Chairman suspended the session until the afternoon. Most observers here expect Signor Nenni to win a victory for his pro-Communist view tomorrow, when the various left, centre and right wing motions are voted on.—Reuter.

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Washington, May 14.

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The survey covered the conditions in the camps in Egypt, Iraq, Transjordan, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Israel. The report said the largest number of refugees is concentrated in Palestine: 480,000; Syria 100,000; Lebanon 100,000; Transjordan 75,000 and Israel 45,000.—United Press.

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## IRISH FANTASY

The motion introduced in the Irish Parliament in Dublin calling on the British Government "to end the present occupation of our six North Eastern counties and thereby enable the unity of Ireland to be restored and the age-long differences between the two nations brought to an end," belongs to the realm of pure fantasy, coming as it does only two months after the sweeping Unionist victory in the Northern Ireland elections. These elections were in effect a plebiscite on the attitude of Northern Ireland towards the new Republic in the South, and the result was overwhelmingly decisive. The Ireland Bill which was approved by the House of Commons in London merely affirms the right of Northern Ireland to continue her present status so long as the majority in the Belfast Parliament supports it. To call that a violation of the rights of the "Irish Nation" is a travesty well overstepping the borders of the ludicrous and to speak of a "British occupation" of the North is an affront to all the facts. The whole anti-partition agitation rests on an empty and indeed arrogant pretence that Ireland is a political as well as a geographical unity. The political unity of Ireland ceased only when the Southern Irish chose to disrupt it and no British Government which supported its coercive restoration on a basis of an all-Ireland Republic would survive for five minutes. Not for the first time the Southern Irish have reacted to British generosity by inventing some new pretext for "bitterness" and in the privileges which the Ireland Bill extends towards the Republic foreigners in the South it is generous almost to the point of quixotry. The only valid criticism against the Bill is that of Sir Basil Brooke, the North Ireland Premier, when he complains that its acceptance of the title "Republic of Ireland" implies the unwarranted admission of the Southern Irish pretensions.

## Russian Strategy

With the removal of the Russian restrictions both in Berlin and in Austria, it is pertinent to ask if Russia is really seeking a settlement in the West. It is important not to jump to the conclusion that she is, but it would be folly to assume blindly that she is not and so perhaps be unready for events. Russia's reasons for wanting to end the cold war could be very simple. In the first place if she is still irreconcilably hostile she may feel that she could do more damage by pretending to be friendly, or she may simply have taken the notion that perhaps she would like a little Marshall Aid for herself or for her satellites. Or perhaps an age-old Russian urge has asserted itself again. The opportunities in the Far East may be beckoning and when that happens, as it has often happened before, caution always enjoins Russia to ease the pressure in the West. If any or all of these forces are operating, Europe may soon breathe more freely. But the Democracies will hardly dare to

## PART I: "THE PRIMATE OF HUNGARY"

# THE MINDSZENTY STORY



## The Civilised World Receives A Shock BY THE VERY REV. DR. NICHOLAS BOER

made who will shine as exam-  
ples and warning ideals to the  
West.

No great son of Catholic Hun-

gary in the past centuries gave

such a lesson to the whole

Catholic Church of the West.

There was Cardinal Pazmany, in

the years of the Counter-Refor-

mation, who with the wisdom

of a St. Robert Bellarmine and

the zeal of a St. Francis Xavier,

led the Hungarian flock, strayed

into the errors of Protestantism

and returned to the path of

truth and true faith. At the

end of the nineteenth century

Hungarians could boast of

Bishop Prohaszka, who, in a

wintry of indifference and

materialism, brought to Hungary

the spring breeze of a religious

renaissance. Hungary has had

great preachers like Thamer

Toth and great exponents of

canon law like Justinian Szecsi;

each of whom has given valu-

able strength and made in-

dividual and national contribu-

tions to the character of univ-

ersal Catholicism. But Cardinal

Mindszenty has represented and

expressed with universal force

the only possible attitude of

Catholicism towards Communism

the grimly cogent heresy of the

twentieth century. Even those

who proclaim an "anti-state"

attitude, who consider themselves

progressive Catholics, who seek

a way of living side-by-side

with Communism, both in the

countries of "People's Democracy

and in the states of Western

democracy, have been forced to

recognize the reality of the

backbone of the resistance of

the Hungarian Catholic Church.

But Cardinal Mindszenty, re-

mained at his post. A soldier,

like the watchman in the vision

of the Prophet Isaiah, to whom

the people might call: Custos,

quid de nocte? Watchman, what

of the night? Cardinal Mind-

szenty did not budge. He awaited

the cruel sentence of the

Emperor.

## Who Was He?

Who was Cardinal Mindszenty?

What was his origin? And what

the secret of the astonishing

career that raised him to the

purple, that made him a great

father of the Church and twen-

tieth-century prophet? He sprang

from a tiny village of Magyar

Hungary, an intensely Magyar

district. His birthplace was a

simple peasant's cottage in the

village of Csah-Mindszent. It is

one of the last hundred years

rose from like humble beginnings.

(Janos Simor was a cobbler's

son; the father of Kolos Vaszary

was a furrier of Keszthely, the

town on Lake Balaton; Janos

Czakolai; Justinian Szecsi was

the ninth child of a tiler.) But

in contrast to his predecessors,

Cardinal Mindszenty did not be-

come the possessor of the Pri-

mate's huge estates, extending

over seventy-five thousand Hun-

garian acres. He was thus able

to preserve unaltered the austere

and simple atmosphere of his

parental home, not only in

the village of Csah-Mindszent

where he began his career, but

likewise in the ancient Bishop's

Castle of Veszprem and in the

Primate's residence of Esztergom.

In two thousand years the Catholic

Church has learnt the delicate art

of reconciling democracy of social

origin with the hierarchy of

Church government.

His mother and his simple

village home were firm links with

the Hungarian soil and with the

lowest of the poor. Again and

again he returned to them to rest

and to find new strength. Nothing

has changed in the room in which

he was born. The same photographs

of saints, the same pine-wood

furniture, and the smoke-blackened

rafters holding up the roof.

Nothing disturbs the old unpret-

entiousness; no trace even of ele-

mentary comfort. This hard simplicity

of village life steels the Hungarian

peasant for his struggle with the

soil and with the seasons.

Mindszenty's mother is seventy-

five; still active, surrounded by

fourteen grandchildren, belonging

to two families. Most of them are

grown up, in their teens, all

working, for both families have

lost their bread-winner.

As an illustration of Cardinal

Mindszenty's poverty and of the

importance of his village home

and his mother in his life, when he

first moved, poor as any church

mouse, into the once glittering

palace, his mother sent him a calf,

a pig and a few hens as an

assurance that the new Primate

should not go hungry. By the

summer there were eggs and

chickens, so that when in June he

was invited to his newly-consecrated

## Mother's Help

The riddle of a great man's

career and destiny is often ex-

plained by his relations with his

mother. The simple peasant

woman of Csah-Mindszent in-

spired Cardinal Mindszenty not

only in his powerful work "On

The Mother," which he wrote with

his heart's blood, but the cult of

motherhood was a cardinal factor

of his whole spiritual and intel-

lectual life; above all, he was devoted

to the ideal of the earthly and

heavenly Mother and to the com-

mon mother of all Catholics, the

Roman Catholic Church. His own

mother must have been inspired by

some strange, ineffable, instinctive

mythic power when she sent her

ten-year-old boy to the College of

Szombathely, the episcopal city of

Western Hungary. When she made

this decision—an enormous one

for a poor Hungarian peasant

family—the village postman broad-

cast the news with the comment:

"Those Feima have bitten off

more than they can chew." But

for a dozen years the mother held

her peace. She travelled back and

forth to Szombathely, carrying

food and money to her student

son, and twelve years later when

the same village postman brought

to the house the letters and

telegrams for the young priest

celebrating his first mass, she

broke her silence and said: "You

saw, the good God helped us to

see what we his off!" Was it not

the spiritual strength of the

Mother of the Gracchi or of the

Maccabees that inspired this tight-

lipped, simple peasant woman

when she sent this message to her

son, who, as Bishop of Veszprem,

had been imprisoned by the Nazis:

"My son, if in your youth you

were able to endure prison, do not

now seek to save your life."

With the eternal and inexorable

instinct of a mother, she felt that

the higher her son rose the greater

need he had to watch over him.

She was not dazzled by the bril-

liance of his achievement; rather,

it filled her with fear and with a

tremulous anxiety—for this career

had raised around him a storm of

ancient admiration and immen-

se hatred. When she was asked

if her son had given her much

happiness she answered: "My

son has often made me happy, but

I was the happiest when he was

at my side preparing himself for

the priesthood. Later I wept for

him. I cried when he set out for

Veszprem and I shed tears when

he was called to Esztergom." What

poet could utter the feelings that



# MUTUAL ACCUSATIONS

## Alleged Hampering Of Inter-Zonal Trade

### PLANNERS GET BUSY

Berlin, May 14.

The Eastern and Western authorities today accused each other of hampering inter-zonal trade, while four-power economic planners here quietly got on with the job—and are reported to be making good progress.

British transport advisory officials alleged that the Russians are not allowing vehicles to use the Autobahn from Berlin to Western Germany between 8.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m., demanding supporting documents in addition to inter-zonal passes from travellers entering the Soviet Zone.

The Russian authorities, complaining that the Western powers had failed to lift the counter-blockade entirely, are reported to be claiming the right to decide whether exports from Western Berlin should be allowed through their Zone.

Western transport officials said that so far few goods have left the city, most food trucks returning empty to the Western Zone.

The Western Commandants of Berlin, meeting as the Western Kommandatura, today approved an "Occupation Statute" for Greater Berlin, which gives the "Western" civil authorities practically the same power as the Western Allies have already given the Western German Parliamentary Council at Bonn.

It grants wide legislative, executive and judicial powers to the "Western" City Assembly, but reserves to the Allied Kommandatura control in several fields, including disarmament and demilitarisation, banking, external relations and foreign trade.

The Berlin headquarters of the Communist-sponsored People's Congress estimated tonight that 12,000,000 Russian Zone Residents will vote in the Congress "elections" tomorrow and Monday.

The Congress, in an appeal to voters, who can only accept or reject a block list of candidates, has called for German unity, and an early peace treaty. The withdrawal of all occupation forces, East-West talks between Germans and a common currency throughout Germany.

#### "Unity" Appeal

An article by Dr. Otto Dibelius, Evangelical Bishop of Berlin and Brandenburg, "earnestly and urgently demanding the unity of Germany," published in the official Soviet newspaper, "Tagesspiegel," on the eve of the elections, is expected to have considerable effect.

(Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, Under-Secretary of State for German Affairs in the Foreign Office, said in Paris today that it would be misleading to say that Britain had subscribed to any plan for a withdrawal of occupation troops to North German ports.

(Dr. Philip Jessup, United States Ambassador-at-large, said yesterday that a report that the United States is considering such a plan is inaccurate and highly misleading.

(Sir Ivone, Dr. Jessup and M. Alexandre Parodi, of France, met in Paris today for preliminary talks for the "Big Four" Conference on Germany to be held in Paris on May 23.)

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Secretary of State for Air, took off from Berlin's Gatow Airport today after a short inspection of the airlift.

During his tour, Mr. Henderson told airmen that the people at home were proud of them and grateful for the contribution they had made to the stabilisation of the international position.

"The ending of the blockade does not constitute a final settlement of the outstanding difficulties which exist between the Russians and the Western democracies," Mr. Henderson said. "That is a task for the Council of Foreign Ministers.

#### Talks Today

"The Royal Air Force and the United States Air Force, by their efforts, however, enabled us to reach a position where we can negotiate without being subjected to duress. It may well be necessary to continue the airlift for a time in order to maintain this position," he said.

The delegates of the Soviet Zone Economic Commission and the Bizonal Economic Administration will discuss the resumption of inter-zonal trade in Berlin on Monday, the Soviet-licensed ADN news agency reported today.

The Bizonal Economic Administration, in a message today, agreed with the Soviet Zone Commission's proposal to send a delegation to Berlin, the agency said.

Bizonal exports topped \$25,000,000 during April and set up a new monthly post-war record, Mr. William Logan, Director of the Joint Export-Import Agency, has announced here. The April exports surpassed the March figures by \$3,750,000.

The Economic Co-operation Administration is prepared fully to restore the post-war pattern of Germany's trade with Eastern European countries, Mr. Norman H. Collison, head of a special ECA Mission, reported in Frankfurt today.

This will not draw Western Germany into the Russian orbit of influence, but will pierce the Iron Curtain and probably spur Eastern European interest in trade with the West, he said.

#### Willing To Sell

"Western Germany is ready to sell Eastern Europe everything it wants to buy—everything except war materials," Mr. Collison declared.

He predicted: "Under the impact of revived East-West trade, the Iron Curtain will fall; it is bound to fall, and I do not mean through armed force."

He considers it self-evident that Western political ideals will flow Eastwards on the heels of exports.

Under the present draft ECA plans, Bizonia's export-import trade with Eastern Europe will be brought by 1952-53, when Marshall aid ends, to some 20 per cent of the Bizonia's total trade target. This is expected by then to be £700,000,000 both ways.

If achieved, the 1952-53 trade with Eastern Europe will be three per cent more than Nazi Germany's peak in 1936.

Mr. Collison pointed out that in the first year of ECA, the Anglo-American Zone of Germany had negotiated trade agreements with Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Finland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, in spite of the Soviet antagonism to the European Recovery Programme.

#### Barge Through

Though in 1948 Eastern Europe bought only four per cent of Bizonia's total exports (£125,000,000) and supplied only two per cent of its imports (£354,000,000), Mr. Collison predicted that it will be increasingly difficult for Russia to dominate Eastern Europe trade in view of the rising production in Western European Marshall Plan countries.

"If the Russians try to tell the Poles where to sell their hard coal, the Poles are going to look down their noses. They know that they can sell it to the West for hard currency or badly needed industrial equipment," he said.

The first barge to make the trip from Hamburg into the Soviet Zone since the blockade was lifted arrived at the British control point at Schnackenburg, in the British Zone, tonight.

It was the 110-ton barge Anna, which is transporting gift parcels and general cargo to Berlin. The skipper of the barge, Rudolf Schütte, who has made hundreds of journeys on the Elbe to Berlin, said that he is not worried by the Russian control but he doubted whether the Russian officials will inspect the cargo until tomorrow. He hopes to be in Berlin on Monday afternoon.

The owner of the barge is his father, who, like many other barge proprietors on the Elbe, has only one boat.

He said the next barge to come up the river will be the Martha, carrying a load of oranges and general cargo for Berlin.

The Russian control point is 12 miles further up the river at Wittenberg.—Reuter.

### Royal Visit Definitely Off

Sydney, May 14.

The "Sydney Herald", in a report from its Canberra correspondent, said today that Ministers who have talked with the Prime Minister, Mr. Chifley, since his return from London are convinced that there is no likelihood now of the King visiting Australia.

King George and Queen Elizabeth were to have visited Australia and New Zealand with Princess Margaret during the first half of this year, but the visit was cancelled because of the King's illness.

Last November, Mr. Chifley read to the House of Representatives in Canberra a message from the King in which he said: "You may be sure that I look on it (the cancellation of the visit) only as a postponement, and that when circumstances permit, I shall make every effort to come and see you once more."—Reuter.

### PI TO PROTEST ON REPARATION

Manila, May 14.

The Republic will file a protest with the Far Eastern Commission against the United States action in stopping further reparations from Japan.

The protest will be formally presented to the Commission by Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo, head of the Philippines delegation to the United Nations, either this evening or tomorrow.—Reuter.

### SMUGGLING ALLEGED IN HK SHIPS

San Francisco, May 15. Smuggled goods worth 120,000,000 in Chinese Communist dollars were last night alleged by the Communist-controlled Peking Radio to have been recently discovered aboard two Hong Kong steamers which had sailed from the British colony to Tientsin.

The names of the steamers are given as the Nanchang and the Hunan which, the Radio said, belong to a firm in Hong Kong.

The smuggled articles, which were all confiscated, included plastics, saccharine and dehydrated coffee, the Radio claimed.

It also said that since it was the steamers' first voyage to Red-occupied Tientsin the authorities there treated the cargo leniently. The names of the ships as well as the owners were given a stern warning.—Reuter.

### RIOTERS FIRED ON BY POLICE

Tripoli, May 14.

The police opened fire several times here today to disperse attacking crowds of Arabs, who were incensed over the British plan for Libya. Troops were called out.

Earlier today, an angry crowd had stoned civil and military police after an Arab general strike and protest demonstrations.

A hundred leaders from all over the country met and decided on disobedience and armed resistance against the implementation of the British plan for Libya, which was passed by the United Nations Political Committee.

Mounted police barred the road from the mosque to the British administration headquarters as fresh demonstration occurred over reports that the UN General Assembly has decided to return former Italian colonies in Africa to Italy.

British military police and local police continue to patrol the city.

All British families have been advised to remain in their quarters except when doing necessary marketing under an armed guard.

Incidents included rock throwing and vandalism as small groups of Arabs formed at points in Tripoli city and paraded with banners and Red flags. They were dispersed by police.

Shops have been opening and then shutting as parades pass.

(The British plan for the former Italian colonies, which was contained in the Bevin-Sforza agreement of last week, would transfer Tripolitania from British to Italian trusteeship in 1951.)

(On May 10, the United Nations Political Sub-Committee, considering the future of the colonies, decided against an Iron proposal that Libya—of which Tripolitania is part—should be granted immediate independence).—Reuter and Associated Press.

### AGREEMENT NEAR ON INTER-ZONAL TRADE PROBLEMS

Berlin, May 15.

The three Western powers and Soviet Russia reached almost complete agreement yesterday on the mechanics of restoring Germany's East-West trade and full agreement is likely next Wednesday.

From then on, says Lawrence F. Wilkinson, economic adviser to the U.S. Military Government, inter-zonal German commerce should start moving. At the moment, despite the lifting of the blockade on Thursday, it is merely a dribble.

Simultaneously, the United States, Britain and France and Western Berlin, and the Russians declared their intention to resume reciprocal deliveries to members of the Inter-Allied Reparations Agency in return for reparations delivered to her from Western Germany in the past.

The economic advisers of the big four military governments wound up three days of conferences yesterday.

Mr. Wilkinson issued a statement saying:

"We are making very good progress. The position is that both sides give and take a little and we will probably come out with a solution somewhere in the middle."

#### Currency Issue

Russia wants the revival of old East-West German trade agreements which were suspended when the Russians blockaded West Berlin last June.

The Western powers have contended that the agreements are outmoded, violate the current supply and demand markets and are based on a single Mark currency for all Germany, since supplanted by West Marks and East Marks for which there is no completely satisfactory exchange formula.

Mr. Wilkinson said the meetings will be suspended until Wednesday to give all a chance to work out new trade charts. He said it is likely that the full agreement will be signed, sealed and delivered that day.

Military Government authorities praised the atmosphere of the meetings, the first four power talks held in Berlin since last Spring. They said the post-blockade problems are vexing, but now appear likely of solution.—Associated Press.

### PRINCESSES IN ROME

Rome, May 14.

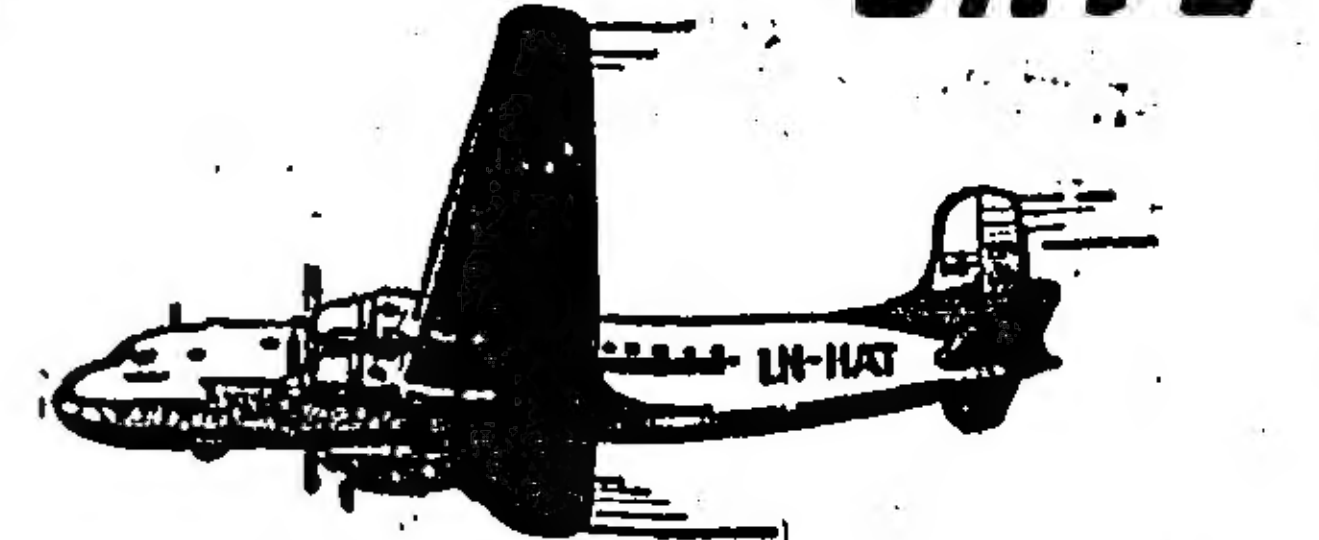
Princess Chams and Princess Fatemeh Pahlavi, sisters of the Shah of Persia, arrived in Rome by air today from Teheran.

They are staying here for a few days.—Reuter.

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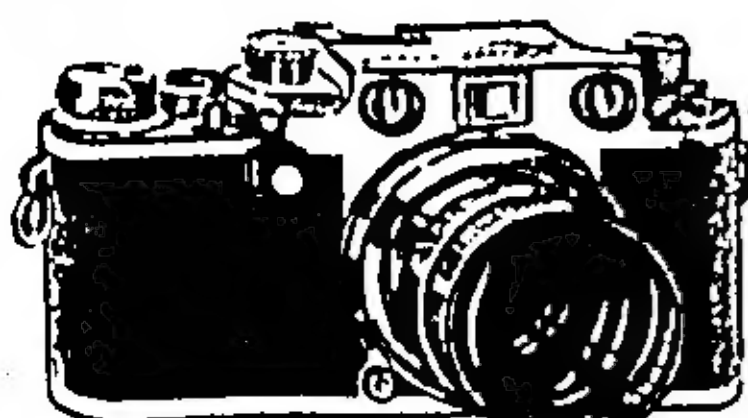
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## COMMUNIST TAKEN OFF SHIP AT SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton, May 14.  
Gorhart Eisler, German-born American Communist  
leader, was tonight taken by the police off the  
Polish liner Batory in Cowes Roads under a  
warrant issued under the Extraditions  
Act of 1870, and was taken by a tender to  
Southampton.

It had been reported from the United States that the  
authorities there had asked Scotland Yard to  
arrest Eisler.

During a three-hour confer-  
ence during the day on board  
the Batory, at which Eisler was  
present, representatives of the  
Polish Embassy in London  
strongly protested against his  
being arrested, pointing out  
that it is a Polish ship.

At a later conference tonight,  
but Eisler was taken by four  
British police officers, one at each  
arm and one at each leg and car-  
ried down three flights of stairs  
from the Captain's quarters and  
down the gangway into the  
tender.

He was carried through crowds  
of passengers on deck.  
He will appear at the South-  
ampton Magistrates' Court on  
Monday, when application will  
be made for him to be remanded  
to appear at Bow Street, London.  
A Polish Embassy official in  
London said tonight that no  
statement will be issued by the  
Embassy until after consultations  
with Warsaw.

A tender taking officials from  
Southampton to the Batory had  
gone out for a second time to  
the ship tonight.

### Carried Off

On the earlier occasion to-  
day, British Immigration offi-  
cials and representatives of the  
United States Embassy dis-  
cussed the matter on board  
with Mr. M. J. Panski of the  
Polish Embassy in London, and  
Mr. Zieminski, Polish Vice-  
Consul in London.

The conference was adjourned  
while the two Polish representa-  
tives went back to Southampton  
by tender to telephone their Em-  
bassy.

When they returned to the  
liner, the Polish officials protest-  
ed strongly against any arrest,  
and Eisler refused to leave the  
ship. He was then carried off  
by the four police officers.

Mr. Panski said Eisler had  
made "a long and strong state-  
ment" which they are going to  
submit to the Ambassador.—  
Reuter.

## New Heavy Cruiser In Commission

Boston, May 14.  
The third of America's  
heaviest cruisers, the 17,000-  
ton USS Salem, was commis-  
sioned here today. Admiral  
Louis Denfield, the United  
States Navy Chief of Naval  
Operations, described the cru-  
iser as "the outward and visible  
sign of our determination that  
no would-be aggressor will  
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way of life."

"A mere glance of the armament  
carried by this heaviest of heavy  
cruisers should make any enemy  
pause before attempting to take  
her on in combat," he added. "With  
the ability to fire four times faster  
than our wartime cruisers, her 6.1  
guns can compete with accuracy  
any challenge by hostile planes or  
surface ships to her right of the  
freedom of the seas," he declared.  
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a main battery of nine automatic  
eight-inch guns, 55-calibre rifles  
triple-mounted in three turrets, a  
secondary battery of 12 dual-pur-  
pose, twin-mounted five-inch guns,  
and an anti-aircraft battery of 20  
dual purpose twin-mounted three-  
inch guns. She also has 12 2.2-mil-  
limetre automatic guns. Four  
geared turbines in separate com-  
partments are capable of driving  
the Salem at a speed of over 30  
knots.—Reuter.

## LIAQUAT ALI IN TEHRAN

Teheran, May 14.  
Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan,  
Pakistan Prime Minister, ar-  
rived here with his wife by  
air from Baghdad today, on an  
official visit.  
The Pakistan Embassy staff,  
Persian Foreign Minister mem-  
bers, led by the Minister, Ali  
Ashgar Hekmat, diplomats from  
Moslem countries and the British  
Ambassador, Sir John Le  
Rougelet, and Lady Le Rougelet  
welcomed the Premier at the  
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Tonight he will be entertained  
by Persia's Prime Minister, Mo-  
hammad Saad Maragheh, at a  
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## Drive Against "Paganism"

London, May 14.  
Dr. William Wand, Bishop  
of London, today reviewed  
his "troops" outside St.  
Paul's Cathedral on the eve  
of a militant campaign  
against "the crass paganism  
of Central London and the  
ignorance of Suburbia."  
The "troops" were hun-  
dreds of clergy and lay  
specialists trained for the pur-  
pose. A hundred and fifty  
missionaries have also been  
called in from all parts of  
Britain to head the drive,  
which will last a fortnight,  
using orthodox methods to  
break down paganism.  
The objectives of the cam-  
paign, according to Bishop  
Wand, are:  
1. "To make the half-  
hearted full hearted."  
2. "To capture the indiffer-  
ent."  
—Reuter.

## Reward For Killer's Arrest

Herford, May 14.  
The British Military Govern-  
ment today offered a reward  
of 16,000 Deutsche marks for the  
apprehension of the murderer of  
Sir John Sheehy, Financial Ad-  
viser to the British Military Gov-  
ernor, General Sir Brian Robert-  
son.  
Sir John was shot in his house  
by burglars last Wednesday.  
Major-General R. H. Bowler,  
British Commander of the Ham-  
burg District of the Rhine Army,  
surprised a burglar at his home  
at Falkenstein, near Hamburg,  
last night. The man escaped by  
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SAILINGS TO

"TSINAN"	Swatow	4 p.m. 15th May
"FENGHANG"	Ainoy, Swatow, Saigon	5 p.m. 16th May
"PRODUCE"	Yokohama & Kobe	5 p.m. 16th May
"FENGHANG"	Swatow	10 p.m. 17th May
"SHENGKING"	Yokohama & Kobe	5 p.m. 17th May
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	5 p.m. 20th May
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Amoy & Swatow	5 p.m. 20th May
"PAKHUI"	Incheon & Tientsin	5 p.m. 21st May
"FOYANG"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 21st May
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Singapore & Penang	5 p.m. 27th May
"FENGHANG"	Singapore, Macassar, Surabaya & Batavia	7th June

## ARRIVALS FROM

"FENGHANG"	Singapore	3 p.m. 15th May
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Foochow	15/16th May
"PAKHUI"	Swatow	10 a.m. 16th May
"TSINAN"	Swatow	10 a.m. 18th May
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai & Keelung	7 a.m. 18th May
"HUNAN"	Tientsin & Incheon	19/20th May
"NANCHANG"	Tientsin, Incheon & Pusan	20th May
"FOYANG"	Kobe & Keelung	20th May

## RIVER SERVICE

"FATSHAN"	Hongkong/Canton	Canton/Hongkong
	DEF. Hongkong	ARR. Hongkong
	Midnight 16th May	7.30 a.m. 16th May
"WUSUEH"	HK/MACAO	MACAO/HK
	DEF. H.K.	ARR. H.K.
	2 p.m. 14th May	5.45 p.m. 15th May
	2 p.m. 21st May	5.45 p.m. 22nd May

Agents: BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Schedule Sailings to Europe via Aden, Port Said.

"AGAPENOR"	Genoa, Marseilles, Tangier, Liverpool & Glasgow	25th May
"AENEAS"	Tangier, Casablanca, Havre, Liverpool	8th June
"ANCHISES"	Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	25th June

## ARRIVALS FROM

"DOLUS"	U.K. via Straits	In port
"AENEAS"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	16th May
"RENTOR"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	24th May
"ANCHISES"	U.K. via Straits	2nd June
"CYCLOPS"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	16th June
"DEUCALION"	U.K. via Straits	17th June

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"CHANGTE"	Port Moresby, Sydney & Melbourne	18th May
"SOOCHOW"	Japan	27th May

## ARRIVALS FROM

"CHANGTE"	Kobe	15th May
"SOOCHOW"	Australia & Manila	22nd May
"YUNNAN"	Japan & Shanghai	23rd May

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Sailing: About 17th MAY, 1949

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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

## New York Stock Exchange

New York, May 15. Fresh buying power altered into the stock market yesterday as a slow advance extended into its fourth day. The overall rise in prices was the largest in 10 days. Trading was at the fastest rate for a Saturday in the past four weeks with volume amounting to 300,000 shares.

Copper and rails were early favorites. The copper group in front of the market for the second straight day. Saturday's rise stirred fresh speculation in Wall Street over the possibility that a long-heralded sustained rise might be shaping up. Strength in the rail group gave some support to the theory that the groundwork may be under way for a decisive move.

Gains of a point or more were posted yesterday for Anaconda, Cerro de Pasco, Phelps Dodge and American Smelting, with Kennecott up a smaller amount. Higher prices were paid for Santa Fe, Great Northern, Southern Pacific and New York Central rail shares. Also up were U.S. Steel (old), Chrysler, Montgomery Ward and American Telephone.

Hindling back were General Electric, American Woolen and General Motors.

Low Jones Average: Stocks 63.49, 29 Industrials 175.20, 16 Rails 48.13, 19 Utilities 35.96. Closing quotations: American Smelting 45 1/2, American Telephone 14 1/2, American Tobacco 58 1/2, Anaconda Copper 29 1/2, Aviation Corp. 6 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2, Barnardell 43 1/2, Bendis Aviation 21 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 21 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 29, Borden Co. 41 1/2, Canadian Pacific 12 1/2, J. I. Case 35 1/2, Chrysler 62 1/2, Colgate 35, Commercial Solvents 16 1/2, Corn Products 44 1/2, Du Pont 100 1/2, Eastman Kodak 44, Electric Light & Power 25 1/2, General Electric 27 1/2, General Motors 47, Goodrich 61 1/2, Goodyear 41 1/2, Hontake Mining 40 1/2, International Harvester 24 1/2, International Paper 47 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 10 1/2, Kennecott Copper 45 1/2, Montgomery Ward 54, National Builders 18, National Lead 39, New York Central 11 1/2, Packard Motors 37 1/2, Pan American Airways 10, Pennsylvania R.R. 12 1/2, Radio Corp. 12, Real Silk 12, Remington Rand 27 1/2, Republic Steel 25 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 45 1/2, Schenley 25 1/2, Sears Roebuck 37 1/2, Shell Oil 25 1/2, Sweeney Vacuum 16, Southern Pacific 41 1/2, Standard Brands 18 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 64 1/2, Standard Oil of N.J. 67 1/2, Studbaker 29 1/2, Union Bag 24, Union Carbide 38 1/2, U.S. Rubber 37 1/2, U.S. Steel 72, U.S. Lines 16 1/2, Westinghouse 22 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 64 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities —Associated Press.

## NY COTTON

New York, May 15. Cotton futures were lower in fairly active dealings. Traders ascribed the lower trend to disappointing action of the market following termination of dealings in the May, 1949, delivery.

Futures closed 60 cents to US\$1.05 lower.

July 32.00-04.
October 29.00-01.
December 28.75.
March 28.71 nominal.
May 28.54 nominal.
July 27.60 nominal.

Middling spot 33.80 nominal.—Associated Press.

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EXPRESS SERVICE

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Transshipment cargo accepted for South America and West Indian Ports.

Due PACIFIC COAST 6th June  
Due NEW YORK 21st June

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## MIXED OPINIONS ON INVESTING IN INDIA

New Delhi, May 15.

Recent Indian Government efforts to attract foreign capital investment have led some foreign businessmen to express mixed reactions.

Most foreign firms in India are making money, and few if any businessmen have gone home in disgust, but nearly all have complaints. The cause of some of their troubles could be eliminated at once. Others will exist for years.

Skilled labour is hard to find and labour strife is prevalent. Inadequate transport holds up supplies and hampers distribution. A shortage of building materials delays plant expansion and erection.

The communication system is poor, telegrams are delayed, sometimes for days. Telephones are temperamental and mail goes astray. Customs are not helpful, and obtaining import licences calls for a great deal of patience. Foreigners complain that Government departments suffer from two great handicaps: one, a super-bureaucratic attitude of employees trained under the British; and two, the inefficiency of untrained new employees.

Americans criticise the many laws affecting foreign trade which were imposed by the British to discourage competition and have not yet been repealed by the Government of India.

The British, however, will retain advantages so long as India remains in the Commonwealth.

Indian law requires a certain amount of Indian participation in some types of business, and this is not always easy to obtain. Indian capitalists have been cautious, and some take the attitude that Indian capital alone can do anything the foreign investor might do.

## Some Complaints

This nationalism, common in most newly independent countries, also is found among the lower branches of the civil service.

Men in different businesses voice different complaints. A farm machinery representative says dealers are reluctant to stock parts, asserting that profit percentages are not high enough to justify much of an inventory. He points to the lack of competent help to repair machinery, and a general disinclination on the part of dealers to look after equipment once it has been sold.

A businessman who has spent 25 years in India says the lack of skilled labour is the greatest problem for anyone establishing a plant here. Productivity, he says, is extremely low because of lack of technical skill, inability to appreciate the importance of time, and a diet that does little to build stamina. He ventures the prediction that a firm manufacturing precision equipment here could not make a go of it even behind a 25 per cent protective tariff.

Petroleum products are badly needed in India, but an oil company official speaks of transport trouble. This cannot be surmounted until the Government-owned railways get more locomotives and rolling stock and are put on an efficient basis.

This same official says, however, that the Indian Government has co-operated to a very large extent.

"If you have a reasonable proposition and they can possibly do something I think they will go out of their way to help you," he remarks.

## Would Pay

And a Western diplomat expresses the belief that it would pay foreign business to come to India. He says foreign firms here are making money and points out that a World Bank delegation was told by foreigners in Bombay recently that they are guardedly optimistic about India's future.

"I think India is in a bad spot economically," he says. "There is not enough money, technical

knowledge or capital goods in the country to raise the standard of living. India can use all the outside assistance it can get, and it does not take it, I do not know what we are going to see here in the next few years.

"India is willing to make concessions to foreign capital. The market is here and about the only way we will be able to well here is to invest. If the foreign manufacturer adopts a wait-and-see attitude he may wait too long. If India is lost, foreign business will lose much more than the capital it might have put into plants here."—Associated Press.

## CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE TALKS

Prague, May 14.

A Czechoslovak trade delegation which has returned here after four weeks of still uncompleted negotiations in the United States, had successful talks with representatives of American and British Banks and business firms on increasing Czechoslovakia's trade with the two Western countries. It was announced here today.

The delegation will resume economic talks with American Government officials after collecting certain necessary data, the announcement said.

Dr. Stetinsky, the delegation's secretary, has remained in the United States. The seven-member mission, led by the deputy foreign trade minister, M. Evzen Loch, arrived in New York on April 18 to continue the talks begun here three months before.

Czechoslovak trade and financial experts are to open negotiations in London about May 30.—Reuter.

## Notice To Consignees

M.V. "IVARAN"

Having arrived Hongkong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on May 19, 1949, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

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## Notice To Consignees

ss. "KUTSANG"

From Calcutta, Straits & Saigon arrived 10th May

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed in the premises of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17th. Consignees are advised to have their Representatives present during the Survey.

Consignees are warned that claims for damage or shortage may not be accepted if the damage is not surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of Consignees' Representatives at this appointed time.

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## RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 843 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 21 metre band.

H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Light Variety of New Release.

1.00 p.m.—Piano Playtime! Len Stevens, (ORRHS)

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"From Foreign Lands."

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.00 p.m.—"The Flying Time"

6.30 p.m.—Orchestral Favourites.

7.00 p.m.—Hospital Request Half Hour

Presented by Joan Austen, (Studio)

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour.

(Studio)

8.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis, (London Relay)

8.15 p.m.—Film Review by Ross Annot.

8.30 p.m.—"I Like What I Like" presented by Joan Austen, (Studio)

9.00 p.m.—"From the Editor's" (London Relay)

9.10 p.m.—"Concerto" Piano Concerto in E Flat Major (John Ireland)

Ellen Joyce (Piano) and the Hallé Orchestra.

9.40 p.m.—"Let Justice be done" Circumstantial Evidence "The Grippen Case" (BBC78)

10.40 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Summary of News from China.

11.20 p.m.—Close Down.

## WAGE DEMAND

Pittsburgh, May 14.

The United Steelworkers of the Congress of Industrial Organizations tonight formally asked for a fourth wage rise for their 700,000 workers.

The demand, for an unspecified pay increase with social benefits, including pensions, was made in letters to 835 steel companies, requesting negotiations.—Reuter.

## Notice To Consignees

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BARBER-WILHELMSEN LINE

M/V "TARIFA"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 16th May.

To comply with General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 17th May, 1949 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 24th May, 1949 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, May 11, 1949.

## Notice To Consignees

ss. "LOKSANG"

From Calcutta, Straits & Saigon arrived 11th May

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed in the premises of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17th. Consignees are advised to have their Representatives present during the Survey.

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ss. "CORFU"	Sailed	6th June
ss. "CANTON"	2nd June	4th July
ss. "CARTHAGE"	20th June	1st August
ss. "CORFU"	28th July	25th August
ss. "CANTON"	25th August	25th September

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore

HOMEWARDS	LEAVES HONGKONG	DUE LONDON
ss. "CORFU"	9th June	11th July
ss. "CANTON"	8th July	8th August
ss. "CARTHAGE"	5th August	8th September
ss. "CORFU"	26th September	2nd October
ss. "CANTON"	10th September	21st October

Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & Port Said

## FREIGHT SERVICE

ss. "SHILLONG"	due 16th May	from London & Continent, for Japan.
ss. "TRESILLIAN"	sails 22nd May	from London & Continent.
ss. "SHILLONG"	due 18th May	from Japan, for London & Continent.
ss. "SHILLONG"	due 12th June	from Japan, for London & Continent.
ss. "SHILLONG"	sails 14th June	from London & Continent, for Japan, for London & Continent.
ss. "SHILLONG"	due 6th June	from London & Continent.

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ss. "TATRA"	due 18th May	from Japan & Amoy, for Calcutta & Rangoon via Straits.
ss. "SHIRALA"	due 1st June	from Japan & Amoy, for Calcutta via Straits.
ss. "SHIRALA"	sails 4th June	from Calcutta via Straits.
ss. "SHIRALA"	due 21st May	from Calcutta via Straits.
ss. "SHIRALA"	sails 30th May	from Japan via Amoy.

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"TJISADANE" from Macassar & Java Ports 9th June.	to Shanghai 10th June, to Java Ports & Macassar 23rd June.

## HONGKONG-MANILA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
from Manila & Amoy 21st May.	to Manila & Amoy 21st May.

## SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" from B. Deli & Straits 20th May.	to Straits & Belawan Deli 28th May.
"VAN HEUTSZ" from B. Deli & Straits 1st June.	to Straits & Belawan Deli 10th June.

## ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"STRAAT SOENDA" from Japan 23rd May.	to E. & S. AFRICA & S. AMERICA 26th May.

"TEGELBERG" from SOUTH AMERICA & SOUTH AFRICA 7th June.	22nd June.
"TJIKAMPEK" 10th May.	18th July.
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"MEERKERK" from EUROPE early June.	End June.
"AMSTELDIJK" early July.	End July.
"HEEMSKERK" early Aug.	End August.

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m.v. "BATAAN" 28th May	

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## HONG KONG WATERFRONT

BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER



Here is a composite picture of familiar scenes along the Connaught Road Praya. (1) Hanging at halfmast second from left is a fisherman's bamboo topee which signifies that the master is awaiting the licence number to be painted on his craft by the authorities. (2) Confusion reigns as soon the gangplank of a ship from Swatow or Amoy is down when men, women and children struggle grimly to get aboard or get ashore. (3) An Assistant Marine Officer compelling his day's work after patrolling the harbour checking on small craft. (4) Street urchins roam the Praya in search of food, scooping rice from the road or picking bills of vegetables dropped by coolies unloading them. ("China Mail" Photos).

## Life In The Raw On Hong Kong Waterfront

A patched gunny sack fluttering above a sailing craft or grimy street urchins fighting desperately to scoop fallen rice on dusty pavements—these present only a facet of the primitive mode of life to be seen along the Connaught Road Praya.

Here one sees the varied livelihood of the floating community, the wretched circumstances of refugees and the "survival of the fittest."

Only a stone's throw from the 20th century setting of the Colony these people live their own way—fervently observing centuries-old traditions but reluctantly accepting legalities imposed by the authorities.

Disciplined generation after generation, the "water people" still stick to their own system of communication by traditional symbols, accepted even by the local authorities in some respects.

Here are some observations, practised today in port operations. A gunny sack is hoisted up when the master needs a tow boat to deliver the goods aboard his own craft within the specified period. This is necessitated by bad weather—either because the wind is unfavourable or when there is no wind at all.

To call for water, a wooden bucket is dangled at hand. Small "water carriers" operate among the multitude of sailing craft along the Praya, in Yau-mut-ti-Typhoon Shelter and Aberdeen Harbour, to mention a few only.

## Goods Hung Up

As seen in the top picture, the fisherman's bamboo "topee" hanging midway up the mast signifies that the master is awaiting his licence number to be painted on his craft by the authorities. The sailing junk is a question has recently been built. The owner lives aboard with his three young sons and his wife. When "shot" by our cameraman last week-end, there were still traces of the launching ceremonial prerequisites—pieces of "lucky" red cloth, bits of fireworks and joss sticks—strewn all over the deck.

The master himself was busy with his sons in touching up the craft, painting the partitions to form several small lockers along the sides.

When the craft is loaded with cargo for sale he is "hanging up the article for sale." A bundle of firewood denotes the type of goods aboard. To indicate that pottery and earthenware are for sale, an earthen stove will be put up.

To identify their own craft, boat masters hang up individual symbols. Besides the pennants of the companies which patronize them, each craft will be identified by tassels, hung at the mast-head. The different manner of hanging the tassels and the varied numbers serve to guide the

## Waits' Hard Time

Along the Praya between the Wing Lok and the West Point (Gardens, Matheson) Wharves, street urchins roam throughout the day—each armed with a broom, a haversack and a crude tin shovel—in search of food.

They scoop fallen rice off the road or pavement when coolies unload bags of rice from trucks to the stores, lined up along the part of the Praya. When bits of vegetables fall off baskets as they are being carted off from cargo craft to various destinations, the grimy boys and girls, whose ages range from 10 to 15 years, fight desperately for possession of what is to them, much-needed food.

These waifs, mostly Swatow natives who came here with the hundreds of refugees from China, live along the "sidewalk-in-Connaught Road."

They live day by day—fighting for fallen vegetables and rice. Some beg for money during "waifs' hours."

Public water pipes provide "refreshments" to these squatters. A phenomenon is that very few accidents occur in the vicinity where the boys and girls, sometimes even grown-ups, rush about here and there scooping up rice or picking up bits of food, chasing one another or fighting grimly, without regard to the traffic.

Every hour of the day, lorries come and go with their cargo. Then one sees these urchins scooping frantically from the road, pavement, under the vehicle, or from the deck. One or two would be caught on the lorry just as it moves. They would jump down recklessly from the moving vehicle.

## Disembarkation Rush

A familiar "confusion" along the Praya is the disembarkation of hundreds of arrivals from China.

Here one sees "the survival of the fittest" as men, women, and children fight grimly to get ashore or get aboard as the gangplank is down. Passengers aboard scream for coolies to "carry their luggage." The "red coats" (wharf coolies) about themselves "bawling" trying to keep order. People shrink

when squeezed as they descend the narrow gangway.

Babies cry noisily as their mothers struggle to get ashore, with their offspring strapped behind and both hands carrying their baggage.

Some enter ones clamber outside the gangway to board the ship. Others as eager throw down their baggage from the vessel to the pier—about 10 feet.

Once ashore, they line up to get through the barrier, beyond which Revenue officers search for prohibited articles.

The real trouble for a newcomer begins as soon as he leaves the pier. The new arrival has engaged two "black-coats" (coolies) to carry his luggage. These men are demanding exorbitant sums for the four pieces.

An argument ensued, with the passenger getting the worst of it—called at by the coolies and embarrassed by the curious stares of the others.

To "save face," he pays—and normally some coolies get away with charging \$2 a piece, four times the controlled rate accepted by the redcoats.

Once this ordeal is over, the problem of transport presents itself. Rickshaw coolies exploit the situation. With so many others rushing to get them, our friend has no alternative but to accept the charge—usually five times the normal charge.

## IN MY LOG

Last week saw the appearance of a long overdue handbook which is the first of its kind in the Colony.

It is a compilation by Mr. F. Brett of abstracts from the Merchant Shipping Ordinance 10 of 1939 and published by the Marine Department.

The handbook contains certain other information for the general guidance of owners, masters and agents, in the licensing, regulation and control of launches, ferry vessels, motor boats, junks, lighters and other similar types of craft.

Features of the book include the Ordinances covering arms and ammunition, smuggling into China (Control) 1948, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Suppression of Piracy and Insanitary and overcrowded vessels.

There are several maps of the Typhoon Anchorage, Harbour Anchorage and boundaries of the Sino-British Customs agreement. The handbook is on sale at \$3.00 a copy.

Thanks to the Chinese Seamen's Union, Mr. Tung Hing-tai, 65-year-old bosun, who retired after 43 years of service with Butterfield and Swire, received

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## WHO'S WHO

A familiar figure who roams the Harbour and boards ships at will is a husky, maynol-looking Afghan who plays an important role in harbour pilfering in local port activities. He is Firdos Khan, supplier of trained ship guards, who has been operating in the Colony for the past 22 years.

Firdos came to Hong Kong in 1912 as a student. Later he joined the Hong Kong and Kowloon Godowns as a timekeeper. He worked for 15 years before he resigned to begin supplying guards to keep vigilance aboard ships in port.

His men were mostly recruited from the Police. Today many are Macao Police pensioners, who came here to live a more sedate life. They are mostly natives of Pakistan. Despite the civil strife at home, the local Pakistanis and the Indians get along harmoniously in work and in play.

To cope with the present demand for guards, Firdos has "imported" some former Police personnel from Pakistan. He has about 60 trained men working for him today.

He is himself a former Police man.

"These kind of people have the necessary training in keeping guard. They know the ropes and have a shrewd knowledge of how the thieves operate," the 51-year-old Afghan said.

"And they are honest and very difficult to be bribed," he added.

Ships have from six to 25 guards aboard when they are in port. The guards keep vigilance on the docks, in the holds, passengers' cabins, gangway and crew's quarters.

They work on a 24-hour schedule.

"Before the war, there were only Indian guards. But towards the outbreak of the last war, some Chinese joined the ranks," Firdos recalled.

Today there are many Chinese guards.

During the last war, Firdos went back to his native town and returned in 1948 when he re-organised his service, to find strong competition from Chinese, who were already maintaining the guard service on a large scale.

"Pilfering between 1945 and 1947 was carried on on an unprecedented scale. Shipping offices, faced with the lack of trained guards, were compelled to engage raw recruits," Firdos said.

"But eventually, with stricter regulations and with more trained men in operation, 1948 saw a considerable decrease of this nefarious activity," he declared.

Recalling his experiences during the hectic days when pilferers were brought to book daily, Firdos said cases and crates would be ingeniously tampered with without anyone the wiser, until they were opened.

"We caught many Chinese and Europeans at the wharves and buoys during those days, practically daily," Firdos said.

"We used to nab them red-handed with the loot concealed in various parts of their bodies," he recollected.

"Today we hear of very few cases indeed," he added.

Firdos works alone and gathers his men by lip service.

Local Indians and Pakistanis congregate at their respective mosques daily—which provides a means of communication.

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\$2,700 as reward from the British firm.

A native of Ningpo, Mr. Tung began working as an "ordinary" deck-hand, rising to quarter-master and eventually bosun. His last ship was the S. S. "Shantung," which has been sold to a local firm to be scrapped.

The CSU approached the company last week on behalf of Mr. Tung regarding "compensation" for his long service.

The presence of numerous submerged wrecks in several Submarine ports is endangering navigation, personnel of ships arriving here from Manila revealed.

"This has affected port operations considerably, and San Francisco, North of Subic Bay, is one of the ports which face loss of patronage of ocean-going vessels."

The continued presence of the sunken wrecks—victims of Allied or Japanese bombs or those scuttled during the last war—has virtually paralysed port traffic at San Fernando.

Recalling several incidents, they mentioned that the "Munster Castle" had a difficult time entering the port because of inadequate guidance in the way of beacons and also because of the many danger points.

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